***Lesson 4: Personal Relationships***  
  
**Key Words:** Puerile, Orthopedics, Pedagogue, Pedant, Entity, Nonentity, Essence, Moribund, Mortify, Postmortem, Euthanasia, Innate, Naive, Nascent and Renaissance  
  
**Root Words:** Puer, Pais - Paidos, Sum - Esse - Fui - Futurum, Morior - Mori - Mortuum, Thanatos, Nascor - Nasci - Natum  
  
**Puer** <L. "a male child"  
  
1. **Puerile**  
(Adj) Childish; immature.  
Forced to take my little sister to the party, I was humiliated by her **puerile** giggling.  
  
**Pais, Paidos** <G. "child," "boy"  
  
2. **Orthopedics**  
(Noun) Branch of medicine treating disorders of the skeletal system and tissues related to movement.  
The specialist in **orthopedics** set my broken leg.  
  
3. **Pedagogue**  
(Noun) A teacher.  
The Oxford Cleric in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales is a devoted **pedagogue** who would "gladly ... learn and gladly teach."  
  
4. **Pedant**  
(Noun)  
1. A person who pays excessive attention to learning rules rather than to understanding.  
A true scholar seeks to understand causes of historical events, but a **pedant** only memories their dates.  
2. A scholarly show-off.  
Instead of saying "horse," the **pedant** Mr.Bounderby in Charles Dick-en's Hard Times refers to a "granivorous quadruped."  
  
**Sum, Esse, Fui, Futurum** <L. "to be"  
  
5. **Entity**  
(Noun) Something that has a real or independent existence.  
Each twin wanted to be treated as an **entity.**  
  
6. **Nonentity**  
(Noun)  
1. A person or thing of no importance.  
How did such a **nonentity** achieve so much power?  
2. Something that does not exist or exists only the imagination.  
Although a monster in a nightmare is a **nonentity**, it can cause real fear.  
  
7. **Essence**  
(Noun)  
1. The basic element; the identifying characteristic.  
During 1920s Bessie Smith's singing represented the **essence** of the blues.  
2. A substance in concentrated form obtained from a plant or drug.  
Ground seeds of the cacao bean are the **essence** of cocoa.  
3. A perfume.  
The delicate **essence** of lavender scented my room.  
  
**Morior, Morim, Mortuum** <L. "to die"  
  
8. **Moribund**  
(Adj) About to die or end.  
As automobiles become popular, the speed limits set for horse-drawn vehicles became **moribund**.  
  
9. **Mortify**  
\*Verb\*  
1. To shame.  
In Pride and Prejudice, Mrs.Bennet's crude efforts to marry off her five daughters **mortify** Elizabeth Bennet.  
2. To discipline oneself by denial.  
Some Hindus seek to **mortify** the flesh by prolonged fasting.  
  
10. **Postmortem**  
(Noun)  
1.An examination to determine the cause of death; an autopsy.  
The **postmortem** eliminated the possibility of death by poison.  
2. (informal) An analysis of something that is over.  
Every Monday at lunch is a **postmortem** of Sunday's baseball game.  
  
**Thanatos** <G. "death"  
  
11. **Euthanasia**  
(Noun) The act of painlessly killing a suffering person or animal; mercy killing.  
Controversy continues over a patient's right to **euthanasia**.  
  
**Nascor, Nasci, Natum** <L. "to be born"  
  
12. **Innate**  
(Adj) Possessed at birth; inborn.  
Voice lessons have improved his **innate** singing talent.  
  
13. **Naive**  
(Adj)  
1. Childlike; unsophisticated.  
She retained a **naive** belief that her toys came alive by night.  
2. Gullible  
The **naive** tourists bought "ancient coins " from dishonest street vendors.  
  
14. **Nascent**  
(Adj) Emerging; coming into existence.  
Good teachers encourage the **nascent** skills of young writers.  
  
15. **Renaissance**  
(Adj)  
1. A rebirth; a renewal  
The twentieth century has witnesses a **renaissance** of interest in indigenous American art.  
2. (capitalized) A revival of humanism in fourteenth-century to six-tenth-century Europe.  
During the **Renaissance** the humanities were greatly influenced by Greek and roman models.